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VOICE FROM
HEAVEN"



MATT. 28:19.

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MARK 16:15

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GOD'S LOVE

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NOT RATIONED

Things happen fast in this world today;
Food and clothing are rationed away.
But there is one thing can't happen to me—
They can't ration my love, dear Jesus, for Thee.

Untouched by the world and the rush of its throng,
I am happy in Jesus, singing a song.
His love so unbounding, so full and free,
Will never, no never, be rationed to me.

The Savior of man who died on the tree
Is calling you gently, "Come unto me."
He'll pardon and save you and set your soul free;
His love will never be rationed to me.

Oh wonderful love so full and so free;
Not one point does it take for it to reach me.
It is mine now and ever shall be—
God's love will never be rationed to me.

—Mrs. Della Hyberger

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20

1 TIM. 3:15

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*"As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye
in my love," John 15:9.*

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Notes

from my letters

by J. H. Walker, General Overseer

Converted in Pearl Harbor

To all my friends: I never knew what Jesus meant to the soul until I got saved and began to serve God. Now I know. I will carry on my good work with God and try to help to get other sinners saved and keep them on the right road to heaven. Since I serve God, I feel very happy and go to church and Sunday School and I feel that it will help everyone in the world to go to church. Serve God so you can pray for the boys who are fighting for their country, and God will give them strength to fight and will end this war so that all the boys can go back to their families. I was once a sinner and know what sin is but now I want all my friends to call on God and be saved before it is too late. May God bless you all.—George W. Richards, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Well the convention is over and I will say that it was, in my opinion, the best we have ever had in Iowa, both spiritually and financially. The convention was well attended, and there was the greatest unity I have ever seen anywhere. The Lord supplied the need so sweetly. All meals were met by freewill offerings. The total offerings ran something over \$2,000. The orphanage offering was \$337.66, for this we praise God.—J. L. Goins, overseer of Iowa.

Just a few lines to let you hear from us as we haven't written you this year. We have had a fine year on the Bluefield district, regardless of the rationing of tires and gasoline. As you know, this is a rural district and the rationing has hindered us some; but, nevertheless, we are progressing. We have a gain of about 135 in membership in these seven churches, and there has been much improvement on the buildings and parsonages. The Bluefield church has built more on their parsonage and have done a considerable amount of work, excavating the church lawn. That is growing to be one of our best churches in the state. The Abbs Valley church has

SPECIAL NOTICE TO PASTORS

If you desire to work in some other state next year, you may contact your state overseer for a pastor-exchange application blank. The state overseer will be glad to cooperate with you in this matter.—J. H. WALKER, General Overseer.

bought a parsonage and also furnished it this year. At Dunfordtown, we have remodeled our church by adding ten feet to the main auditorium and three large Sunday School rooms, which makes it much more convenient. The church at Bastian has done some remodeling also, on both the parsonage and the church, with a new paint job. Adria church has done some work, too, on their building, and they are doing good. There is a prospect for a new church on the district which is now in its making. There is much other I could tell you about, but time and space won't permit.—W. T. Morefield, overseer, Bluefield (Virginia), district.

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Notices

The Oak Grove district camp meeting will convene July through August 10 at Oak Grove church. Rev. M. H. Kennedy will do the night preaching.—D. G. Bozeman, district pastor, Red Bay, Ala.

The DeSota Park Church of God will be on the air over station WGAA, Cedartown, Ga., every Sunday from 2:00-2:30 p.m. instead of every two weeks at 1:05.—Rev. Joe Cleghorn, pastor, 17 Crescent Ave., Rome, Ga.

The South Louisiana convention, consisting of the New Orleans, Robert, Bogalusa and Shepherd Fold districts, will convene at the Shepherd Fold Church of God near Covington, La., July 30-Aug. 1. Remember the date and be with us.—W. C. Byrd, overseer of Louisiana.

We moved here to Englewood, Colo., last December. The Lord has blessed us and given us a church here. If there is anyone near Denver or Englewood who wants to come out and be with us, we welcome you. Our mission is in the 3400 block on Broadway, in the old theatre building. If anyone wishes to write me, my address is Mrs. L. H. Canady, 3536 S. Delaware, Englewood, Colo.

Dear Saints, I will appreciate anyone writing to me but I can't answer everyone who might write, so do not think hard of me if you fail to get an answer. My address at present is
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Explains Why the Bible Is Verbally Inspired

(The following article by Rev. J. G. Garth appeared in *The Charlotte Observer*, Sunday, June 20, 1943.)

Up until Higher Criticism began to disturb the church, the view of the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures was that the Bible was a supernaturally inspired volume in all of its sixty-six books, that it was plenarily, fully inspired in thought and words in such a way that it was the Word of God delivered directly to holy men of God who taught as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

For many centuries, in fact until Spinoza, the father of modern pantheism, in 1670, almost the only writer of early time who questioned the accuracy and authorship of the books of the Bible, was Porphyry, who lived 233-305 A.D. Porphyry, a Greek philosopher, was not a Christian. Spinoza was a Jew who assigned the Mosaic writings to the time of Ezra.

A little after Spinoza came Jean Astruc, in 1634, the Frenchman who proposed the theory that the Pentateuch was composed of different documents, named according to their use of Jehovah and Elohim, the titles of God.

These were the beginnings of Higher Criticism. We haven't time to trace these developments fully, but suffice it to say that it culminated in Graf-Wellhausen, two German professors, who claimed that the Mosaic ritual and legislation originated in the time of prophets and after the Exile.

Higher Criticism migrated from Germany to England and Scotland, and finally to America. Their main idea is that there is no supernatural providence over the Word of God, and that it is merely a human document and growth. It is not the purpose of this article to refute these criticisms of the Bible, but to state the orthodox view of the Bible as the inspired Word of God.

The latest phase of the critics of the Bible is not to deny its supernatural character, but to deny its verbal inspiration. They say that in this Holy Book the Word of God resides, but not in its language so much as its thought, and that the Holy Spirit reveals God's truth to men as He illuminates them one by one. In other words, the Bible is not the Word of God but merely contains it in a general sense. The Bible, they say, is the infallible rule of faith and practice, but is not inerrant. This seems a contradiction to this writer, who believes that the Bible is the infallible Word of God and that it does not err in any of its statements of doctrine, fact or precept.

To throw doubt on the Bible as the

Word of God has tragic results. The world believes that it is the Word of God revealed to man for his obedience. Rob it of its supernaturalness, its infallibility and its inerrancy, and it becomes just another good book, but without authority for men. Then man in his sinful nature overthrows God as his Lord and rejects Christ as his Savior.

VERBAL INSPIRATION

The orthodox view of the Bible is that the original documents, written by Moses, Samuel, David, Isaiah, Daniel, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul, Peter, James and Jude and all the rest, were verbally inspired, that is, the Holy Spirit guided these forty or more writers during 1,600 years, to write down what God wanted man to know for his faith and practice, and especially for his salvation from sin. The Spirit did not use these writers as machines, but employed

course is true, but he never saw God either, or Christ, and yet he believes the record of them.

The idea of verbal inspiration is that the Word of God is so important, that we must have an infallible, inerrant record of God's will, and that if we could reach the original documents we would find them verbally inspired. And that is exactly what textual criticism of the Bible is attempting to do. It is admitted that verbal inspiration has its difficulties, but they are not insuperable.

Textual criticism of the Bible is the study of the manuscripts of the Bible. Of course, the original documents long ago disappeared, but there are over 4,000 manuscripts of the New Testament, and the Old Testament has been preserved for us in a remarkably accurate manner, though the oldest manuscript dates only to 1015 A.D.

THE MANUSCRIPTS

Of course, as we announce our conviction of the verbal inspiration of the Scripture, we must reckon on what we call the canon of scripture, that is, we must fix on those books that belong to the class of inspired writings. This canon, according to the Protestant view, consists of the thirty-nine books of the Old Testament and the twenty-seven books of the New Testament. The books known as the Apocrypha have never been accepted by Protestants as inspired. The Roman Church does accept them as inspired.

The canon of scripture was fixed at the Council of Carthage in 397, led by Augustine, though this great Christian leader accepted the Apocrypha. When the Reformation under Luther came, the Protestants rejected the Apocrypha. The reason for the thirty-nine books is that they constituted the Bible as approved by Jesus Christ. The twenty-seven books of the New Testament are approved because they were written by the apostles, or those endorsed by the apostles, James and Jude. Our contention then is that there is a Holy Book whose writings are God-breathed, verbally inspired, sent down from heaven for our faith and practice. And as we examine the ancient manuscripts of these writings, divesting them of errors of transcription, we approach the Word of God.

Of course, the original autographs are lost, beyond recovery, and God has not inspired the copyists, who transcribed the original books and their copies. The Bible is a divine and human book, as Christ was divine and human. As Philip Schaff says in his introduction to the Greek New Testament of Westcott and Hort, recog-

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their personal qualities. He revealed to them the will of God in those things impossible to be known otherwise, and enabled them to use traditions, documents and history in such a way that they wrote down what God chose for them to write, not only in God's thoughts, but in the words He approved of, so that if we could arrive at the very words of these original documents, we would discover not only God's thoughts, but God's words as well.

Sometimes one who is not convinced of the verbal inspiration of the Bible, when asked if he accepts that view, will facetiously reply, he does not know that the original documents were inspired in their words, because he never saw them. That of

Religion and the World

BY THE EDITOR

Religious Abuse in Peru

While Rev. Carlos Rodriguez was presenting the Bible, "unexpectedly, a police lieutenant came up and ordered him not to present the Bible." After the minister had protested his liberty as accorded by the constitution he was then ordered to be taken prisoner. He was released only after "extraordinary pressure" had been brought to bear. According to *Protestant Voice*, the report continues, "Some elements of police . . . are imprisoning evangelical preachers who are carrying out their spiritual ministry, physically mistreating them in public places, forcing them to sweep out the prisons, closing buildings where they preach and, in short, threatening in a thousand ways those who dare to continue their religious gatherings. The Bible in many parts of the country is no longer allowed to be distributed."

Our Part in the War

Our part in the war is not to build up a prejudice by criticism that will permanently injure and hinder both missionary and church activities after the war is over. "Our part" is to preach the simple truth of the gospel and to set, like our Lord, a new and high standard of Christian service and love. Never before has the church faced a greater opportunity, nor yet a more critical period. The American home is being thrown out of balance by moving into new and war centers, also by women leaving the home for war service and factory work. Pastors should canvass their communities to see in what way their churches might offer service to members or nonmembers in helping them to care for their homes and families during the present crisis. Real work by ministers can now make permanent gains for Christ. Avoid building up hard feelings among those of foreign descent by saying hard things about the Germans, Italians, and Japs from the pulpit.

Movies and Marriage

Many of the movie stars have been, according to public reports, married three, four, and in many cases several times. These characters are what your boy and girl, whom you wish or should wish to be virtuous and modest, are asked to hear and see in the movies. A few cases of divorce in some instances might be tolerated, but when it comes to wholesale divorces and for trifling causes, the example is of a ridiculous nature and such stars should be run off the stage, and all others can go along so far as I am concerned.

The Jews

It is now reported by *Jewish Missionary Magazine* that "The ninety-

three girl students of the Beth Jacob School in Warsaw, Poland, who several months ago committed suicide rather than submit to a visit by Nazi soldiers, will be commemorated by a 'Grove of the Ninety-Three' to be planted in Palestine. The liberated Jews of Mateur have informed the occupying American forces that the Nazis had subjected them to brutal treatment, forcing them to work fifteen hours a day and assigning to them the most dangerous tasks at the front."

Preachers and War

I have heard a great deal said about a number of ministers having quite an amount of hard things to say from their pulpits about our enemies. Remember, you always reap what you sow. If you don't wish to be confronted with these hard sayings on the mission field after the war, then it would be wise to leave off hard remarks. Ministers should be examples of patience, sympathy, and love, even to the extent of loving our enemies. We all want to win this war, but slangy, hard sayings about our enemies will not win the war. We will, in so doing, impair the spirituality of our membership and destroy the spirit of missionary activity. I pray not for a military victory for our enemies, but I am compelled "to pray for all men everywhere" in my allegiance to Christ. 2 Tim. 2:1, 2. I must pray "thy kingdom come" which involves the faithful of our enemy countries. The soldier in enemy nations in many cases is no more to blame than we are for the war. Keep hard sayings out of your pulpit if you want to be free from the hard spirit which will result from such sayings.

Students Favor Bible Study

From Henderson, N. C., comes word that "plans for inaugurating Bible instruction in the city schools—beginning next fall—has been completed at a meeting of Protestant ministers. The city school authorities have already endorsed the plan, the report stated, and a poll of the senior and junior students showed that an overwhelming majority of the students plan to take the instruction, if it is offered. Times of crises call for serious thinking, in return timely decisions are made. God is a present help in time of need, and the way to find God is through the Word of God."

Release Time for Schools

In an effort to recover from the stigma of delinquency among children there is rather a broad effort to reach the children by the "release time" method. That is, children may be instructed in Bible and religion for a period of one hour or possibly more. Church authorities usually provide

the instruction and the schools "release" the children for a stated period of time. Theodore English, writing on the same subject, in *Christian Herald*, reports that where these special group schools are established they reach a higher proportion than Sunday Schools, vacation church schools, and young people's societies combined; citing for instance Marietta, Ohio, where religious classes were formed for children for classes one to six for now seventeen years; of 1,000 children eligible, all but two attended.

Dr. Harold J. Ockenga and the Pinks

Dr. Ockenga, pastor of the Park Street Church at Boston, said in an address that Protestant clergymen are being used by "liberal pink organizations" and "radical thinkers" as the spearhead for Communist godless propaganda. The statement was made in a sermon in which he made objection to Governor Saltonstall's proclamation of "Tribute to Russia Day." Further commenting, Dr. Ockenga said, "The influence of the Russian Communist experiment is being felt with tremendous impact all over the world, and godlessness is being increased in our own country, partly through this influence." I quite agree that all this blessing and praise of Russia is one for which we will eventually pay a tremendous price.

Quisling Persecution Increases

A report coming out of Stockholm states that the Quisling authorities have struck a new blow at loyal Norwegian clergymen, by a decree that they must pay a tax on income derived from church collections and private contributions. Since the mass resignations of many of the clergy last year, most of the pastors have had to live on the generosity of the people of their congregations.

Quisling Ministers Resign

Reports from Norway state that further resignations of Quislingite ministers are being made, even in the face of great difficulties. It was held by Vicar Simonsen, of Raade, that present church policies in Norway could not be reconciled with "Christ's word and example."

Good Soldiery

The soldiers of the Allies have had one great lesson to learn—to unlearn the soft life of a civilian. The shifting of gears from super-soft to super-high must have thinned the ranks of many a battalion of jumpers, of commandos, and of infantry. But such men thought it not strange. They left civilian life and expected trouble and hardship and exposure and danger and death.

Dr. Robert H. Glover says: "They 'think it not strange' to be shot at by the enemy, and to be exposed to fierce attack. As 'good soldiers' they are ready to 'suffer hardship' as something that inheres in their profession."

It will be a great loss to Christians everywhere during these days of conflict if we fail to be prodded into a more rugged type of "good soldiery" for the great Captain of our salvation.

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The Purpose of the Cross of Christ

By Pvt. MELVIN H. BARNES, U. S. Army

Friends, I shall attempt to explain the purpose of the cross. Why did Jesus die? Yes, why should the "altogether lovely," the marvellous Messiah, suffer for you and me? Why should a cruel cross be His? There is in the cross itself much significance.

1. The cross is formed by crossing out I, and so we must put the will of God and our duty to our brethren and fellow men first. They must take the place of anything that would conflict with, or interrupt a peaceful, harmonious life.

2. The cross can be regarded as a plus, for we receive much for a life submissive to the divine will.

3. The cross arm of the cross reminds us of everlasting arms that clasp and protect the Christian from all harm.

4. The upright of the cross points from earth to glory via the one way, the straight way, through Jesus.

5. The whole represents suffering and death, for the old nature must die to make for a change of heart that makes for peace and righteousness.

The Bible says, "Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." One hanging upon a cross was regarded as cursed and despised. The persecutors showed their contempt for the only Son of the Almighty by hanging Him between the thieves. Christ was willing to endure the cross that you and I might be redeemed from the curse of sin. He, by going the way of the earth past trials, tribulations, and martyrdoms, proved the right to be King indeed. We that follow, follow a Guide that has been that way before; a Pilot who knows where every danger lies, and how to carry us safely through all storms to the safe haven.

You, I, and everyone have a responsibility, a cross to bear, while we live. That cross may not always seem light—it may seem heavy at times. There stands One ready to give you a lift—Emmanuel, the experienced One, an able and understanding volunteer. Call upon One who knows your need and He will help you. He said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light," Matt. 11:28-30. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," Phil. 4:13. With God nothing is impossible. Knock and it shall be opened unto you; seek and ye shall find.

Every human, since Adam and Eve, was born with the nature of sin in his flesh. This nature, called the flesh and carnality, made it necessary for the crucifixion. Many dispensations had failed to turn mankind to righteousness, so the Lamb of God died for sinners. In Eden, God was Landlord to Adam; though a Spirit, He was very

near. No doubt, in such a peaceful garden, Adam must have regarded the Creator as an all-wise Friend, but God's influence over Adam must have been more like a personal influence, because when Adam and Eve got out of sight, they disobeyed that influence and fell.

Moses was a great personal leader, but Israel, not being earnest, failed to follow with him. They, because of carnality, fell.

Elijah was a great man; God wrought through him many mighty works, but few followed with him in the straight way. All down the ages, men, because of lack of sincerity, although they put on great shows of benevolence, have failed to yield their minds and members entirely to righteousness. The heart and mind mean a lot. You speak of the righteousness of Christ. What was it—the acts He did? Guess again—it was His divine nature, and through that He was able to do that which He did. By His trials, death, resurrection and ascension, Christ condemned sin in the flesh, and made possible your cleansing from the guilt and power of sin.

He went away from the sight of our natural eyes that you and I might know—not a natural leader—but One who gives spiritual birth and power, which enables us to worship God in spirit and in truth, just as Christ told the Samaritan woman we should worship. John 4:23.

"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust," 2 Peter 1:4. The old nature must die because it is alienated from God. We have examples of the old nature set forth in Galatians 5:19-21. "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before as I have also told you in times past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." Romans 8:7. "The carnal mind is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." 2 Corinthians 2:14. "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." 2 Corinthians 4:3. "But if the gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost." What of sin? Does it matter if we sin? Read the judgment of sin in Revelation 20:11-15.

"Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. What is your life? It is even a vapour that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away," James 4:14. "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what

shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Mark 8:36, 37. If we forsake sin, what shall it profit? "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out," John 6:37. "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels," Rev. 3:5. "Thou shalt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee," Isa. 26:3. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God," Matt. 5:8. Other rewards too great to comprehend are mentioned in Rev. 7:15-17 and 1 Cor. 2:9.

Sinner, how can you attain all these things—forgiveness of sins, rescue from evil and hateful habits, joy, peace and rest in your soul, God's tender care and protection, and everlasting life? Hear Him! There's life in the Word, there's power in the blood. God is disinterested in your past life when you yield to Him, regardless of how black it may have been. Forgiveness awaits you. When the wicked woman was brought before Him, He did not throw stones at her, nor condemn her to death, but seeing she repented, He forgave her freely. If you hold to sin, the wages of sin is death. Come to Him for forgiveness and salvation. Perhaps you think you cannot live godly if you come, and you cannot in your own power; but by God's grace and power you can. Through faith in Him you can live righteously the rest of your life. The seed of the Word alone will not profit unless a shower comes to cause it to spring up. It takes a touch of heaven to bring forth. Pray that God will send that touch—go to a church where the blessings of God are falling. Don't just seek to break yourself from your worst habit, but seek for a totally clean heart, and for that heart to be filled with the Spirit and power of God. "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled," Matt. 5:6. If this is our experience, our lives will shine for Him. The most beautifully constructed house, neatly painted, is not seen far away amidst darkness, but a nice bright light shining through its windows attracts the traveller's attention.

Strive to be humble. "God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble," 1 Peter 5:5. "He that humbleth himself shall be exalted," Luke 18:14. "Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein," Luke 18:17. Be willing to do God's will, asking for grace to be able to do it. "A scorner seeketh wisdom and findeth it not; but knowledge is easy unto him that understandeth," Prov. 14:6. "All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the Lord weigheth the spirits."

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SANCTIFICATION

MRS. MABEL MADDEFORD

All my Christian life I have rebelled at the teaching of sanctification. The fact, as so many teach it, that the sin principle is gone, the root of evil is torn out root and branch, the old man is dead and buried, and one just cannot sin any more, just did not work out in practical everyday life! I did not deny that occasionally one met characters that all this fitted, but my soul cried out for a clearer understanding.

I could not see the point in going to the altar to seek deliverance from tobacco, picture shows and other lusts of the flesh and when you received a blessing, call it sanctification. I wanted something more tangible than a blessing. I knew it was God's will for me to be sanctified, for Jesus said, "For their sakes I sanctify myself that they also might be sanctified." And again, "Lo, I come to do thy will, O God." I sought God with a humble heart to reveal to me the work in sanctification and, after years of praying and waiting, God through the blessed eternal Holy Spirit began to reveal to me the great and glorious work of sanctification.

I learned the very important lesson, that God has so many great and good things to give His children and the reason why we don't have them is because we will not empty ourselves so we can receive His truths. When a vessel is full it can receive nothing more, but if we will empty ourselves of ideas and notions and pet theories of our own, and come before God an empty, hungry soul, God will pour unto us His blessed teachings and only just what we can digest at a time. He never overstuff us but feeds and nourishes the hungry soul on a balanced diet. Later He gives us more and stronger meat, and our souls leap within us in their new growth.

We leave out and ignore far too much the work of the blessed Holy Ghost. We like to have Him use us to speak in tongues or pray an intercessory prayer, all the time forgetting it is the Holy Spirit that leads us out into God's great truths. "It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing." So, as we see our failures and many, many times our erring ways, we learn that we are leaning on

our own strength instead of the Holy Spirit, and when the time comes that we hate our ourselves and despise our uprisings and downfalls to the extent that, like Paul, we cry out from a broken heart, "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" (oh yes, Paul was saved and sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost when he wrote the 7th chapter of Romans), then the dear blessed Holy Spirit who has been waiting around so patiently, wanting to do something for us, but was hindered because of our own ideas, comes on the scene and begins turning us into clay. The hard, stubborn mass of humanity begins to soften down and becomes yielded and pliable and the Master Potter "continues" His great work of sanctification that actually began at the altar. When the tender hands which are moulding the clay find sharp stones or other harsh objects, He gently but firmly removes them. The more the Potter works the clay, the more pliable it becomes. The time comes when a "vessel can be made unto honour, meet for the Master's use and prepared unto every good work."

Perhaps, the vessel is almost completed, but all at once the clay stiffens and becomes entirely unpliable and the work of the Potter is ruined. Very gently but firmly He breaks down the vessel and does His work again. This time He works longer with the clay and the blessed hands probe for the cause of the uprising and then again begins the moulding. Oh, it is God with the blessed Holy Spirit working on the life of the hungry soul who is moving on and out into His great truths. "Leaving behind the doctrines of repentance from dead works, let us go on unto perfection."

The Holy Spirit seeks out the soul and leads it to the mercy seat where sins are given to God and forgiven, then the soul is led to give itself over to God in the beginning of sanctification and thence to the baptism with the Holy Spirit. But oh, friends, it's just the beginning, as God has such great and glorious things for His people if we will only become clay in the Potter's hand in the great ending work of sanctification.

The Bible says, "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission (forgiveness of sin)," Hebrews 9:22. It is the blood of Jesus Christ that cleanses from sin. "But this man (Jesus), after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God," Hebrews 10:12. You see how clear that is, "But this man"—speaking of Jesus, the only Savior, "after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever." This speaks of the death of Christ on the cross, for it was there He made the sacrifice for your sins. "Sat down on the right hand of God." This speaks of His resurrection and going up to heaven where He is now sitting on the right hand of God. Your Savior is alive, therefore you can come to Him and He will save you. God's Word tells you clearly just how you may be saved from your sins. God says you must answer to Him for yourself. "As I live, saith the Lord God . . . Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth it shall die," Ezek. 18:3, 4. God says, "All souls are mine." He says, the father cannot answer for the son: each must answer for himself. "The soul that sinneth it shall die." Each one will die for his own sin, unless he comes for himself to the Savior, Jesus Christ. God says you must accept the Savior for yourself. The only water that can satisfy the thirst of your soul is the Living Water, Jesus. The only bread for your hungry heart is "the true bread" which came down "from heaven" that a man may eat thereof and not die. "I am the bread of life. He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." John 6.

If you are very thirsty, it will do you no good for another to drink for you. You must drink the water for yourself. If you are hungry, another cannot eat for you. You must eat for yourself. So you must receive Jesus for yourself, as your own Savior.

But how can you eat Him, and drink Him? Only by faith. God says: "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness," Romans 10:10. Just as bread satisfies your physical hungry body, so the blood of Jesus Christ satisfies your soul hunger to be cleansed from sin. The man who eats bread knows his hunger is satisfied, so the one who believes on the Lord Jesus Christ knows his soul is satisfied. "To him (Jesus) give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins," Acts 10:43.

Jesus said, "The flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life," John 6:63. When you receive His Word in your heart, you will know you have life in Him.

God says you must confess Christ before the world. After a sinner with the heart believeth unto righteousness, then it is true that with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. When you have trusted Jesus in your heart as your Savior, then your mouth will confess Him as the one that truly saves.

"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no

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JESUS CHRIST THE SAVIOR

JESSIE MAE ROSE

"Thou shalt call his name JESUS (Savior): for he shall save his people from their sins," Matt. 1:21.

Jesus—Savior—how sweet these words sound to the heart of one who knows he needs to be saved. As the cool clear cup of water to the one who is very thirsty, so is Jesus—Savior to the thirsty soul. As bread to the hungry, so is Jesus to the one who is hungry to know real forgiveness of sins. "He shall save his people from their sins." The Bible, which is the Word of God, speaks in a very clear and simple way about your sins and

how Jesus can save you. The reason you need to be saved is because of sin. Jesus Christ came into the world to die for your sins. God's Word says, "Who his own self bear our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed," 1 Peter 2:24.

If you were very thirsty and there was only one well in the land, you would be going quickly to that well to drink. Just so with your sins, there is only one Savior, you should come at once to Him, Jesus will save you.

After This Manner Therefore Pray Ye

PAUL CLAUDIUS BUCHER

Prayer is the voice of the soul. Thomas Carlyle cured insomnia by the Lord's prayer. Prayer is the inmost operation of our nature. Frances Willard, on the entry of her Bible, wrote her experience February 17, 1877: "But whatever I do in word or deed, I do all in the name of the Lord Jesus." Henry Drummond, scientist and teacher, lived in First Corinthians, the thirteenth chapter.

The Lord's Prayer is a wonderful prayer, a masterpiece of spiritual architecture. It reaches from earth to heaven, and stretches through the eternities. It seems to begin at the little child's bedside, "Our Father." It climbs up until it achieves its climax in a blaze of that glory that no man can approach unto, "for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory." Then like a river plunging into the ocean, it loses itself in the infinity "for ever and ever."

Speaking to the Infinite through the throne of grace, we approach with boldness in Jesus' name. The secret of the Lord is with those that fear Him. Psalms 25:14. God's paths are mercy and truth. Psalms 25:10. All truth is centered in Jesus Christ. In prayer and waiting on God no time is lost. It is hard to wait; delayed opportunities often vex us. Everybody seems to be in a hurry. It seems impossible to stop and just wait. Waiting has its value. Stop! This calls for cessation of the regular humdrum duties and activities of life. "Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, . . ." This calls again for a time of getting alone with God. "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord," Psalms 27:14. When the spiritual life is low, it can be helped. "But they that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength," Isaiah 40:31. The result is a renewed hold on God, a life hid and protected with God in His care.

God seems to have a secret place to abide. "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty," Psalms 91:1. In this hiding place God hides Himself from the wise and prudent and reveals Himself unto babes (humble ones). He was hid with the prophets and spoke of impending dangers. He was hid with Moses and led Israel on to the promised land. He hid Himself at the Jordan River and pushed the waters back, so His people went through dry shod. God was hid with the virgin Mary before the incarnation. God was in Christ reconciling

the world to Himself. There comes a time when God will manifest Himself. Jesus said, "It is expedient for you that I go away, for if I go not away the Comforter will not come." On the day of Pentecost, the Comforter, the blessed Holy Ghost, came upon the waiting church and to live in the temples of clay, our bodies, Psalms 68:18, the temple of the Holy Ghost, fragile indeed, but the vessel of God through the Holy Spirit. From within the new creation, our hearts are made new and sins forgiven. Then shines the glory of His love. A living manifestation of the favor of God only belongs to those who wait on God.

Covetousness is the death of living character and creativeness. By spending time with God we gain. The acts of life form habits. This makes character and creates destiny. The prayer life gives the adherent assurance and freedom from sinful bondage and doubt, with firmness of mind in right and a supernatural intelligence transmitted to the human by God's eternal agency, the Holy Ghost.

The prayer life can be hindered. The atmosphere in which we live may be full of cross currents and you will have to watch to keep your feed wires clear. If the wires are crossed or grounded, away goes the power and the personal acquaintance with God is deadened. Certain things stifle prayer efficiency, as the failure to keep bodily appetites under control, intimate fellowship with those who are the enemies of God, absence of the spirit of loving sympathy, dominance in one's life of a critical spirit, jealousy, keeping God's money, too much self-seeking and assertion, overworking, trusting in your own efforts alone, overanxiety which robs the mind of its freshness and your spirit of its sweetness, hasty words with an uncontrolled temper, pride that will not confess wrong or ask forgiveness, carelessness in money matters and shrewd scheming in driving sharp bargains. There is something beautiful about intercessors who come in God's holy presence before His throne. God will remember them as the ones who prevailed with Him. "Golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of the saints." Revelation 5:8; 8:3-6. Prayer warriors are needed to stand between God's wrath and the people. Jeremiah 15:1. God is looking for somebody to stand in the gap as a mighty prince and prayer warrior. Without prayer we have no hope. Whatsoever things ye desire, pray in demanding faith.

The Divinity of Jesus Christ

C. A. JOHNSON

There is so much opposition to the gospel today. The devil has deceived the world with religion. The Jews had religion is why Jesus came as a light to lighten the Gentiles. Luke 2:31-34. His divinity was declared by God. Matthew 3:17; 17:5; 1 John 5:9. His

divinity was attested by His works. St. John 10:37,38. His divinity was acclaimed by the apostles. Matt. 16:16; Romans 1:4. His divinity was acknowledged by devils. Mark 1:27; Luke 4:41. His humanity is stated in Matt. 1:1; Galatians 4:4; Phil. 2:8; Isa.

9:6; the mystery of His incarnation, Luke 1:31; Romans 8:3; 1 Tim. 3:16. He endured deep humiliation. Mark 8:12; Phil. 2:7; 2 Cor. 8:9. He was hated by the world. St. John 7:7; Luke 6:11. He was mocked and reviled. Matt. 27:29; Luke 23:39. He was meek and lowly. Isa. 63:7; 1 Peter 2:23. He is our Sin-bearer, 1 Peter 2:24; Hebrews 9:28; our High Priest, Heb. 2:17; 1 John 2:1; our Righteousness, Romans 10:4; Phil. 3:9; our Redeemer, Gal. 3:13; our Savior, Luke 2:11; Acts 5:31; our Shepherd, Isa. 40:11; St. John 10:11; Hebrews 13:20.

He was prophesied of, Isa. 9:68; 55:1-6; called Jesus, Matt. 21:21; Son of God, Luke 1:35; Son of man, Matt. 9:6; Emmanuel, Matt. 1:23; the Word, St. John 1:14; the Lamb of God, St. John 1:29; The Mediator, 1 Tim. 2:5; The Christ, Lord, our Righteousness, Jer. 23:6; The Lord of all, Acts 10:36-38; The Lord of glory, 1 Cor. 2:8; King of glory, Rev. 19:16; Alpha and Omega, Rev. 22:13; Anointed Messiah, St. John 1:41; 4:25; He was the only begotten of God, St. John 1:14. No man has seen God at any time. St. John 1:18. The Bible tells us that God made Him. Acts 2:34-36.

And then people will preach that they are God. Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist.

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BIBLE MATHEMATICS

By PAUL H. WALKER

We wish to study with you, dear reader, a portion of the first chapter of Second Peter. The first part of this book is known as "Great Christian Virtues Set Forth." The second is "Scripture Exalted," the third is "Warning Concerning Apostate Teachers," and the fourth is "The Second Coming of Christ and the Day of the Lord."

Scripture, "Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Savior Jesus Christ: grace and peace be MULTIPLIED unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord."

First, we have MULTIPLICATION of grace and peace. Grace consists of God's favor. God's favor is courted through obedience and obedience is based upon love and love is of God, for God is love. Love is the fountain of all excellency, hence, "If ye love me, keep my commandments"; "If my words abide in you and ye abide in me, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." The secret of MULTIPLIED GRACE is found in abiding in Him, obeying Him by being loyal to the discharge of our duty. Principle must not be SOLD for PERSONALITY. HE is our TRUE SOURCE OF LIFE! IN HIM we move and have our being. HIS GRACE is bestowed upon the man who dares to stand for truth and right.

We have often heard the expression, "I'll not stick my neck out, I'll not hurt myself, I'll not jeopardize my position irrespective as to what happens to others, the church or the general good of those concerned." I still maintain that God cares for His own and that God needs men who will court His GRACE (favor) by being big enough to STAND FOR HONEST CONVICTION. I think GOD'S WORDS are YEA and NAY to them that believe and that He does not cater to policies of appeasements. He can easily get along without us but we can not get along without Him. Thus grace is multiplied in fulfilling our duty of love for God FIRST and let all else be secondary.

PEACE means harmony in personal relations; mutual accord; freedom

from fears, agitating passion, moral conflict. This word surely is foreign to present world conditions. But in our hearts we can have PEACE WITH GOD, PEACE with our fellow men and PEACE in our church relations. A man who disturbs peace is generally one who is ambitious for position, or envious because others are in position. The Scripture says, "Let the PEACE of GOD RULE in your hearts." Sin in the life disturbs our peace with God and we enter into a conflict. There is an actual war on conflict in our very hearts. Thank God for a deep settled peace like a river that floods our souls like an infinite calm. SIN finds us out and our peace is gone. Matters not if no one knows, God always knows. How many have we seen come to the altar with disturbed hearts and minds. PEACE was gone. They confessed to the Lord and SUDDENLY like a mighty billow PEACE flooded their souls and, OH, what rejoicing! I just can not tell it. But you who have experienced it know its realities.

An illustration: A salesman had a fine home, a beautiful wife and daughter who would always meet him when he returned home from a trip and would greet him, his wife planting a kiss upon his cheek and his little golden-haired girl throwing her little arms around his leg and hugging it tightly. All hearts were happy, daddy had come home. One trip he was on he got in the wrong company. He drank liquor and caroused in sin. On his return who would meet him but the same beautiful wife and the little golden-haired girl, but he had betrayed them. His wife kissed him and the little girl loved him. Was he the same? No, sin had found him out, his peace was gone, his heart was sick and he felt like cursing the day he was born. That is always the way the enemy pays us off. Well, thank God, there is hope that if such a one comes to Jesus that peace can be restored and he can go on living an upright life, letting PEACE BE MULTIPLIED.

*"PEACE, PEACE, wonderful peace,
Coming down from the Father above;*

*Sweep over my spirit for ever I pray,
In fathomless billows of love."*

for the light of the sun, but no one has ever been able to cause the sun to rise during the night.

Jesus said that men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. He did not mean that man loved the literal night because it served as a cloak to hide his evil deeds. They choose to remain in a state of moral darkness. Not only is the present darkness to continue, but it shall grow more and more dense, even until the day at last shall dawn. Doubtless there will be wonderful revivals. Sad indeed is our plight when we can no longer hope and pray with confidence for the salvation of sinners, but according to Paul, evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. Jesus said because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall wax cold. How thankful we should be that the day is soon to break that the rising sun shall soon dispel the gloomy shadows.

Paul said in 1 Thess. 5:6, 7, "Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep, sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night." The world is asleep to God's eternal truth, but Christians should always remain wide awake. It is natural to desire sleep at night, and it is so easy to drift into spiritual slumber with the world, so we must ever be on guard.

There was once a woman who had been given a large amount of opium. This drug when taken in excess makes its victim very sleepy and from this sleep one may never awaken. The physician gave orders that the woman must not be allowed to fall asleep or she would die. For hours they walked her back and forth, while she begged to be allowed to go to sleep. By their persistence they kept her awake until the effects of the opium wore off, thus saving her life. The devil would be glad to administer some such spiritual poison to us so that we would fall asleep and die spiritually. Rom. 13: 11, 12, "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light." God is calling for wide-awake Christians. We must watch for the coming day. Jesus said, "And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch." How blessed to live in our time when the sun is soon to rise and the day break.

Once when Paul was on a ship bound for Rome, a great storm arose. After many days they were driven near a strange shore during the night. They feared that the ship would run aground and all would be lost. It is said that they cast four anchors out of the stern and wished for the day. Is your frail barque tempest-tossed? Then anchor in the Rock of Ages and join in prayer with countless others for the coming day.

Nothing has blocked the traffic on the narrow way like those who were too proud and stubborn to submit.

THE BREAK OF DAY

By REV. A. G. KENNINGTON

Text, Solomon's Song 2:17, "Until the day break and the shadows flee away, turn my beloved, and be thou like a roe or a young hart upon the mountains of Bether."

We believe we are living in the darkest period of all times. This surely must be the day of which Isaiah spoke when he said, "For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people."

The word "gross" means coarse, lustful, dull, rough, shameful, and all these seem to have a large number

of the earth's inhabitants today.

Thank God that earth's night is nearly over! God expressed that truth so beautifully when He said, "The night is far spent, the day is at hand." I'm glad that we can look forward to the glad millennial day that shall soon dawn and darkness shall be no more. Praise God. Won't that be a wonderful day!

DARKNESS SHALL CONTINUE

It is only the rising of the sun that brings day. Man with his inventive genius has produced many substitutes

Jesus Christ the Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever

RHUIE VIOLA STOWERS

Text: Heb. 13:8

Beloved, we are serving a God who is today just the same as He was yesterday. Seasons change. We have spring, summer, fall, and winter. But God never changes. He is just the same. Our friends and loved ones may change; our father and mother may forsake us. But God is still the same. Let's hold on to His strong arm, as the arm of flesh may fail us, but Jesus never fails. Praise His precious name!

Healing is for God's people and in the Old Testament the Lord said, "If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and will do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee," Exod. 15:26. By that verse we can see we have to keep His commandments and keep all His statutes, not just part of them, the ones that are easy for us, and let the others go. We are to do what is right in His sight, not what we think is right. It must be "Thus saith the Lord."

"And there failed not ought of any good thing which the Lord had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass," Joshua 21:45. Beloved, one thing sure we can depend on is God's Word. His Word is true. We must have faith in God and just dare to believe, just stand on His Word, and see if He doesn't bring it to pass. His Word is yea and amen to everyone that believeth. There was not a feeble person among their tribes. Psalms 105:37. People are feeble and weakly because they fail to believe God. The Bible tells us that many are the afflictions of the righteous, but we also have the promise that He will deliver us out of them all. What a wonderful God He is.

We remember that one man in the Bible put his trust in physicians and "Asa slept with his fathers," 2 Chron. 16:12, 13. "Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord," Jer. 17:5. "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man," Psalms 118:8.

I can say I have found Him a friend that sticketh closer than a brother; I have proved Him and find He will do just what He has promised, if we will exercise the faith and do that which is pleasing in His sight.

For the glory of God I want to relate the wonderful healing power in my home. It was years before I ever heard of the Holy Ghost. I belonged to another Church of God. They lived a good sanctified life, and trusted the Lord for their healing. One day my eldest boy took sick. My husband was unsaved at the time, so we called a doctor. He said it was dropsy. Eight doctors gave him up. So one day my husband said, "We will just quit the doctors," and he would let me trust God. The child seemed to get worse

instead of better, his eyes were swollen shut, he was thirty inches around the waist, his fever was 106½, he could not even raise his head for a drink of water, I gave it to him from a spoon. The pastor came and anointed him with oil, in the name of the Lord, and he began to amend from that hour, and was healed. He is still healed today, and is married and has a little daughter four years old.

Also the Lord healed the same boy of a broken arm when he was twelve, and no doctor set it. I did not know at the time that it was broken but found that out later. It is wonderful what God can do for us if we only trust Him.

He healed my oldest daughter of appendicitis, and my other children of fevers. He healed one girl of ringworm when she had thirty-two places on her body. He can heal from a corn on the toe to cancer of the stomach. That is what He has done for me. He has healed my husband several times. Why shouldn't I praise Him, and tell it and give honor and glory unto His wonderful name!

He is just the same as when He walked the shores of Galilee, doing good, healing the sick, casting out devils, and raising the dead. Praise God for healing in the atonement. "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: . . . he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed," Isaiah 53:4, 5.

When they beat Him, it was for our healing. All the pain and agony was for us. We can reach out and claim every promise. There are over 33,000 in the Bible, and every one is mine. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

We have proof today and we have proof from the Bible also, that He healed all that were sick, not just part of them. Had that been so, maybe I would have been left out. In Matt. 8: 16, 17, we read, "When the even was

come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." Matt. 9:5, "For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise and walk?"

Healing was included in the divine commission. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name . . . they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover," Mark 16:15, 17, 18. He did not say, "I think they will recover," or "I hope they will," but "they shall recover." I am so glad for that SHALL.

This gospel was carried by the disciples and they went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere. Luke 9:6. "And the seventy returned again and with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us, through thy name," Luke 10:17; Acts, chapters 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 14, 19, 28. I am thinking right now of the woman that the devil had bound for eighteen years, but God loosed her and she went free. The woman that had the issue of blood for twelve years, one touch of His garment made her whole. Thank God. He is just the same today. The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

If you are sick and discouraged, don't give up; put your trust in Jesus, the One who cannot fail. What He has done for others He will do for you. If we are living to please Him, He will give us the desires of our heart. Let us not doubt but believe. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Let's come to Him. If you are in sin. He can heal your sinful soul, and if you need healing for your body, come to Him and believe Him, He is still able to heal. "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases." Jesus Christ the same, yesterday, today and forever!

KEEP LOOKING UP

EUROLINE WILLIAMS

"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh," Luke 21:28.

How many times we are made to think of this scripture as with each passing day we see so many of "these things" coming to pass. Everywhere you go you see something that makes a true child of God think of what our Lord said there would be in these last days. There has never been known a time such as we are living in now. Men's hearts are falling them. People are marrying and giving in marriage and divorcing. They can't travel fast

enough. Children are unholy, unthankful. People are without natural affection; lovers of themselves, proud, haughty, blasphemous; taking their own lives; lovers of money more than lovers of God. There are wars and rumors of wars, famines, pestilences. People love the things of the world. Parents are against children, and vice versa. Drunkenness is prevalent in both sexes. Everything is just like Christ said it would be. But, dear souls, through it all He says lift up your heads; look up; rejoice; hold on. He has promised a home in glory to
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The Need of Prayer for Our Nation

MRS. W. F. LANE

If ever there was a time we needed to be praying, it is now. Oh, just think of the precious boys who are dying every hour. Each one is some mother's boy, probably some girl's husband, some infant's daddy. If we only knew what they are going through with and facing, we would be under such a burden we couldn't eat or sleep until God came on the scene. It is going to take prayer to bring this war to a close. Oh! how our nation needs prayer. The Christian people of America need to wake up and pray as they never have before.

We also need to pray for every boy in service. If they were Christians and putting God first they would be sure to win every battle. We need old-time revivals in our training camps, our communities, our homes and churches. I feel that we need to have gather-

ings and pray for the men of our nation. If the Christian people of America would get on their knees and stay until God took hold, this thing would soon come to a close.

I am not writing this because I am so strong in the Lord, but to please God. I realize I need to pray more and I am sure we all need to.

I ask everyone to pray for my husband. He is in the Navy and aboard a ship somewhere. He is unsaved and needs the Lord very much. I am sure he will see the time he will be calling on the Lord for His mercy. I also ask everyone to pray for me and my precious little baby. I want to stand true and do the Lord's will.

I hope this will be encouraging to everyone and will help all to see their need of praying for our nation. healed; urgent unspoken request.—

healed; urgent unspoken request.—Mrs. L. A. Doss, Danville, Va.

The healing of Sister Allen Smethie, Quinton, Va., she broke her wrist; me to be healed of head trouble.—C. B. Wall, Rt. 6, Lexington, N. C.

The Lord to heal my baby of bowel trouble.—Lorene Cowart, Fyffe, Ala.

The Lord to heal my body and restore my health; my son overseas.—Mrs. M. T. Springer, 1205 Denver Ave., Ft. Worth, Tex.

The healing of my body; my boy.—Mrs. J. H. Youngblood, Poulam, Ga.

The healing of little Ruby Jennings who has T. B. of the bone.—Harold Smith, Austinville, Va.

Special unspoken request, God knows.—Voncille Burkett, Winnsboro, S. C.

My healing, I have had a stroke and am growing worse all the time.—Miss Easter Roe, c/o J. D. Henderson, Rt. 2, Calhoun, Ga.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

We receive many requests for the salvation of relatives, loved ones, and friends, also for urgent unspoken requests. There are so many of these it is impossible to publish them, but we ask that all take them to heart and earnestly pray that the Lord will answer prayer in their behalf. In order for requests to be published they must be signed.

PRAY FOR:

The healing of my body, my back hurts me all the time.—Addie Frederick, Millstone, Ky.

The healing of my baby.—Gertrude Matura, Murphy, Miss.

The healing of Grandma Cupps' body and her eyes of cataract.—Mrs. Osie Tilwreath, Rt. 1, Jellico, Tenn.

The healing of my body, I have been a cripple for fifteen years.—Ethel Mann, Rt. 2, Box 100, Slaton, Texas.

My complete healing, I suffer from my head to my feet; the healing and saving of my loved ones; unspoken requests.—Campaign, Tenn.

Me to be completely healed of a breaking out; my children.—Lillie Newton, Gen. Del., Sylacauga, Ala.

My badly afflicted body to be healed.—Mrs. Silas Hill, Rt. 1, Duff, Tenn.

The strengthening and healing of my body.—A sister in Christ, Tampa, Fla.

The healing of my little grandson six months of age. He is very, very sick. I have had good prayers for him and he would get better then get worse. He has a severe case of colitis and we are afraid he has whooping cough. He acts as if he hurts in his chest and gets so feverish. Please

everyone pray for him. Pray for my home.—Mrs. O. H. Howe, Roslin, Tenn.

The Lord to heal me of eczema or some kind of skin trouble.—Robert Rye, Rt. 1, Detroit, Ala.

The Lord to heal me of a severe head trouble.—Mollie Vaughn, Rt. 1, Elizabethton, Tenn.

The complete healing of my daughter; the Lord to undertake for my home.—Mrs. E. D. Forman, Delhi, La.

God to restore my sight and completely heal me of a stroke which I had five years ago.—Mrs. J. F. Nicholson, 4762 Cecil, Detroit, Mich.

God to undertake for my home, husband and me.—Mrs. Mae Stewart, Box 296, Barbourville, Ky.

The Lord to completely heal my body.—Mattie Amost, Lenoir City, Tenn.

The healing of my body and eyes; my daughter and husband to be

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STATE CONVENTIONS

Date	State	Place
July 16-18	Pennsylvania	Somerset, Pa.
July 16-18	Missouri	Bonne Terre
July 16-18	Texas	Weatherford
	Maine, Mass., Conn., N. H.,	
July 23-25	Vt., R. I.	Appleton, Maine
July 23-25	Georgia	Atlanta
July 23-25	Mississippi	S. Shady Grove
July 30-August 1	Kentucky	Somerset
July 30-August 1	Arkansas	Marked Tree
July 30-August 1	S. Louisiana	Shepherd Fold
August 6-8	Maryland, Delaware	Md. Campground

Revivals of Interest

We have just closed a five weeks' revival at Davis Creek Church of God with seventeen saved, thirteen sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, two reclaimed, eighteen baptized in water and six added to the church.

The Lord is saving our young people of today from ten years to nineteen years. Thank the Lord for our young people. The Lord wonderfully blessed and the church was greatly revived. Sister Ethel Laudin, of Charleston, W. Va., did the preaching and God gave the victory. We had the Lord's supper and feet washing on the last night of the meeting. — Bertha Hayes, R.F.D. 2, Box 365, Charleston, W. Va.

MACDOEL, Calif.—We came to Macdoel for a revival. Folks are hungry for the old-time gospel. One was saved, and one sanctified and the Lord did a wonderful healing. A lady had a stroke in one side, so they called on us for prayer. The Lord healed her. He has been good to us here. Pray for us.—Will M. Jones.

BELFAST, Me.—God has just favored us with a glorious revival at the Church of God, Waldo Ave., Belfast, Me. Our prophetic ministry was received by the New England people gladly. People of other denominations attended and cooperated in many ways. Good crowds attended throughout the campaign. Many souls were saved and backsliders returned to the Lord. The revival lasted five and one-half weeks. The church here in Belfast cooperated with us wonderfully. Any God-sent preacher who will pray and preach God's Word here in New England will be taken care of and his every need will be supplied. Rev. Howard Davis, pastor of the Belfast church, is a fine man of God with whom to work. May God continue to bless the saints at Belfast.—Rev. Russell Ford and wife, evangelists.

ROME, Ga.—We have just closed a great revival at the Church of God mission here at Cave Spring. The Lord really did bless. Brother Noah Robinson did some wonderful preaching. Two were saved, two filled with the Holy Ghost and one baptized in water. Two were saved and one sanctified just before the revival. The saints were uplifted and drawn closer to the Lord. T. E. Hogan, pastor of the mission, asks every one to pray that God will give us a church at Cave Spring.—T. E. Hogan, 305 Calhoun Ave.

WHITMIRE, S. C.—We have just closed a wonderful three weeks' revival with Brother Leonard Carroll, of Greenville, S. C., as evangelist. Eighteen were saved, nine sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, and nine added to the church. — Aaron L. Rochester, clerk.

ST. PAULS, N. C. — Sunday night,

June 13, was the closing of a three weeks' revival. The evangelist, Rev. J. F. Jenkins, of North Wilkesboro, surely preached the gospel with the inspiration of the Holy Ghost. Also our good pastor, Rev. D. H. Delk, of Hope Mills, was with us some of the time and assisted in the meeting. Eleven were saved, ten sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost and four added to the church. The Lord met with us in a great way in most every service. We just organized here last January but we are on fire for God and have bought lots and expect to start building a church soon. Pray for us.—C. R. Guyton, clerk.

MEADVILLE, Miss.—The most glorious revival in the history of Byrd's Chapel church was in progress from May 23 until June 16, with Brother Homer Smith in charge. Three were saved, five sanctified, eleven filled with the Holy Ghost, sixteen added to the church and ten baptized in water. God has blessed so wonderfully I can't tell it all.

There were nights when the Holy Ghost took charge of the services and souls ran to the altar and wept their way to God without a word of preaching. Messages were given in unknown tongues and interpreted, and one sister who had never played a piano before played most beautifully under

the mighty power of God, warning in song that Jesus is coming. Praise our God! It was truly great to be here.

No doubt many of you remember a request in the Evangel two years ago for prayer for a boy who was on trial for murder and later a testimony that God had delivered him. Well, this same boy was gloriously filled with the Holy Ghost during this revival and is now on fire for God. Oh, we can never praise God enough for the great wonders He has performed in our midst.

Brother Smith is a godly man, a wonderful preacher and desires with all his heart to win souls for Christ. God has blessed us with a new church building this year and surely rewarded us for all our labor in the revival of three and one-half weeks. Praise Him forever.—Mrs. R. H. Harvey, reporter.

NEWPORT, Ky.—We have just closed a wonderful revival which lasted four weeks, with Rev. James Adkins, of Christopher, Ky., as the evangelist. The Holy Ghost was there in every service. Many were healed, three saved, four filled with the Holy Ghost and six added to the church. We shouted and praised God and we are still feasting on those good blessings from God.

This is a new work and it is growing rapidly. Pray that God will give us a great church here some day and make a way for us to own our building. This is a wicked city full of formal churches which deny the power of God, but praise God we are doing a good work and haven't time to come down. Please pray that God will keep us humble and praying until He comes. —J. B. Hibbard, pastor, 544 E. 2nd St.

News from the Field

WHAT THE LORD IS DOING FOR THE CHURCH OF GOD IN MUSKEGON, MICH.

The Lord laid it on the hearts of three members to pray for a work in this city, there having been some evangelistic work done by Brother Paul H. Walker and wife and others in 1939. So August 18, 1940, a work was started by faith. Believing God to supply the needs, Sister Miriam Lowe took charge of the work till in October when Brother John Page was made pastor. He was pastor two years when the writer was appointed last September. The church was set in order October 21, 1941, with six members by transfer and two new members.

The services being held in an old store building, the church began to pray for a place of their own to worship. In prayer the Holy Ghost gave a message and interpretation, "I have a place prepared for you; wait on me." Praise the Lord for the Church of God and full gospel where the Holy Ghost speaks.

In November Brother Paul H. Wal-

ker, our state overseer, came to see about purchasing some property and raised \$200, thirteen adults being present. But the purchasing of this property seemingly folded up, so we continued to pray and believe God to supply and fulfill His promise to us. In April Brother Walker was to visit this church for two nights' service and our knowing his desire for a place of our own here, we asked God if it was His will to open up something for us that we could purchase a place while he was here. On Thursday before Brother Walker came on Tuesday, a trustee from an independent church called on me and said their property was for sale, having heard we were wanting to buy. So on April 15, 1943, Brother Walker closed the deal on the church property of two lots and a nice new church building 30x40, with heating system, piano, opera seats, etc., complete for \$3,000, in a fine residential district on a bus line, the church making a down payment of \$600—"a prepared place" as the Holy Ghost said.

This church was dedicated on (Continued on page 14)

CONVENTIONS

STATE CONVENTIONS BEYOND EXPECTATIONS

By EARL P. PAULK, Second Assistant General Overseer

It has been my happy privilege thus far this Assembly year to visit the following state conventions: New Mexico, Arizona, California and Nevada, Washington, Oregon and Idaho, Montana, New York, New Jersey, District of Columbia, Virginia, Indiana, Ohio. Each convention was certainly wonderful. It seems that a complete spirit of unity and hearty cooperation prevailed in each, and in these conventions much stress was laid upon the spiritual needs of the Church in general, as well as locally. The spiritual tide has been, indeed, high, for which we are grateful. As far as I am able to ascertain, this is the one need today above all other needs: spirituality and an outpouring of the Holy Ghost. The offerings for the orphanage and missions in these conventions invariably have been greater than those of last year. We are truly grateful for this.

YOUNG PEOPLE

The young people under the worthy leadership of each state supervisor has put on a wonderful program in each of these conventions. It is, indeed, remarkable to behold their order, spirituality, and the way they are sincerely taking to heart the work of the Lord and His great Church. I am greatly encouraged because of their outstanding and valuable work in these crucial times. May the blessings of our heavenly Father and the Lord Jesus Christ rest and abide upon each of these overseers, pastors, evangelists, and laity, is my prayer.

Echoes of the North Carolina Camp Meeting and State Convention

On June 14 Rev. A. W. Childers and the good folks at Kannapolis extended to us a welcome to the camp meeting and convention. The presence of the Lord was there from the first service to the last. Our leader, Rev. H. L. Chesser, was at his best. Rev. R. E. Williams, state Sunday School and Y.P.E. superintendent, had charge of the singing. Mrs. H. L. Chesser, L.W.W.B. state president, was in charge of the special service for the L.W.W.B. We were blessed to have with us three of our general officials: Rev. J. H. Walker, General Overseer; Rev. R. P. Johnson, First Assistant General Overseer, and Rev. E. C. Clark, Editor and Publisher. Rev. Zeno C. Tharp, president of Bible Training School and College, was also present. Following is what our visitors thought of the meeting:

MINISTERS

"The North Carolina convention was one of the greatest I have ever attended. Fellowship and unity were very outstanding."—Zeno C. Tharp.

"My visit to the North Carolina convention was very pleasant. The fine spirit, good interest, great preach-

ing, powerful singing, and grand crowds increased each night. The Lord was there."—A. M. Phillips, pastor, Atlanta, Ga.

"I enjoyed the camp meeting greatly. Wonderful messages were delivered by the speakers."—C. J. Hindmon, pastor, Memphis, Tenn.

This was one of the greatest conventions in every way that I have ever been privileged to attend. There was good singing, glorious preaching, a wonderful spirit, and unexcelled entertainment. North Carolina is a good state."—T. R. Morse, Y.P.E. and Sunday School superintendent, Illinois.

"It was a great meeting. If there's anything any better, Jesus will bring it when He comes."—S. C. Chambers, evangelist.

"This was our first visit to North Carolina but, after being present in their great feast, I plan to arrange my work to attend the next one. I feel that I can go back and do a greater work for Christ and His Church."—V. W. Thomas, pastor, Roanoke, Va.

LAITY

"It has been my pleasure to visit the North Carolina convention for many years. I think this was the best convention I have ever attended. The fellowship and brotherly love and the good preaching were the best I have ever seen."—J. A. Everett, Wilmington, N. C.

"This was my first visit to the North Carolina convention. It was the greatest spiritual meeting I have ever attended. The power and presence of the Lord was in each service. There I heard the most wonderful preaching I have ever heard, and I had just left the Florida camp meeting."—J. L. Schnorr, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

"I thank God for the privilege of attending the North Carolina state convention. It was wonderful. I spent my vacation there. I feel that there wasn't any place I could have gone that I would have enjoyed myself any better."—Dorcas Sigmon, Valdese, N. C.

"I enjoyed the good singing and preaching at the North Carolina convention."—Irene Kerce, Benton, Ill.

"I attended the last two days of the convention. The Lord surely blessed in a wonderful way. The old-time, camp meeting singing and preaching inspired everyone and put a new zeal in all of us to work more for God."—Pvt. Alphas LeFevre, U. S. Army, N. C. State College, Raleigh, N. C.

"This was the best convention North Carolina has ever had. It was good to be there."—Sue Johnson, Cleveland, Tenn.

The ministers of North Carolina appreciate their overseer and the wonderful mission offering and the orphanage offering of approximately \$8,000 showed how they are working together. The L.W.W.B., under the supervision of Mrs. H. L. Chesser, has raised \$11,438.74 since the Assembly. We thank God for His blessings.—Sincerely, H. E. Stone.

New Jersey State Convention

Since I came into the Church of God a year ago God surely has worked in a wonderful way spiritually and financially. Since being in the Church we have had two conventions. This one this year far exceeded the one before. We enjoyed many good sermons by visiting ministers, also Rev. Roland Verrico, state overseer of New York. We enjoyed the good sermons preached by our Second Assistant General Overseer, Rev. Earl P. Paulk. Rev. Nicholson, of Atlantic City, directed the music.

We were honored with many other preachers and singers from our state and other states. We also enjoyed so much to have Rev. and Mrs. John Kluzit, our returned missionaries. Our mission offering was wonderful. The Millville church, with only a membership of thirty-five, raised five hundred and fifty dollars of the amount. The orphanage offering was one hundred and sixty-three dollars.

We have a wonderful shepherd of the flock, Rev. Amy Hanley; one who is interested in the flock. Therefore the sheep enjoy cooperating. We enjoyed having Rev. G. W. Lane, our state overseer, with us again this year. We must say God was with us all through the state convention and blessed in all that was said and done, for which we thank our dear Lord.—Mrs. Mildred Jerrell, 14 Mulberry St., Millville, N. J.

Dallas Has Y.P.E. and Sunday School Convention

The Dallas district Y.P.E. and Sunday School convention convened at the Dallas, Texas, church May 28-30. Services were under the direction of Rev. Glen Weatherby, state Y.P.E. and Sunday School superintendent, and Lola Roberson, district Y.P.E. and Sunday School superintendent. A good representation from each of the churches on the district—Anna, Celine, Ennis, Sherman, Dallas No. 1, and Dallas No. 2—were present. Just here I would like to mention Dallas No. 2 church as this is probably the first time you have heard of this new church. A few months ago, Rev. and Sister Horn started a mission work on Allan Street. An organized church with an active Y.P.E. and Sunday School is the result of their work, with the assistance of the district overseer, Rev. J. C. Thompson.

Special music and singing was rendered during the convention by Brother Baker, Brother J. T. Allan, Brother Bill Thompson, Sister Mary Burnett, the Dallas quartet, Brother and Sister Frank Warner, the Ennis trio, and Brother Russell Collins. Those bringing messages were Brother Roy Young, Brother Odelle Whatwood, Lola Roberson, Brother H. N. Bridges, and Brother Weatherby. An offering of \$226 in cash and \$86.30 in merchandise was taken for the orphans and \$206 for missions. We were glad to have a number of friends from off the district present during the convention. We thank the Lord for His presence with us.—Lola Mae Roberson, Box 24, Farmers Branch, Texas.

WORKERS TOGETHER

By RAY MORGAN

(Rev. Morgan has just prepared this very brief condensed outline of the great original sermon which he preached at Petersburg, West Virginia, at one of our regular big monthly district fellowship meetings.—Ernest L. Miller, district overseer.)

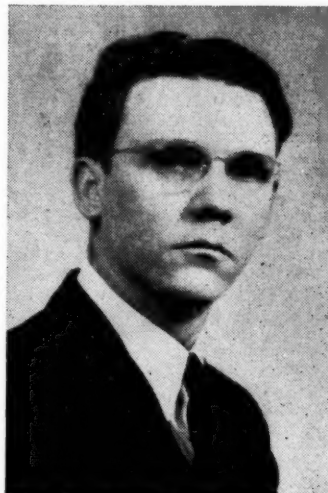
"For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building," 1 Cor. 3:9.

WE call your attention to Matt. 9:36-38. As Jesus was traveling from city to city, coming in contact with all kinds of people, and all kinds of conditions, He was moved with compassion (sympathy), and although He and His disciples were doing a great work, He saw a great need for more workers. His compassion was so great, and the need so urgent, that He told the disciples to, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

"Yes, but," you say, "conditions are different now. We have ministers by the thousands, churches on every corner, religious programs over the air," etc. Yes, we will agree with you. But just take a walk down Main Street in your city on Saturday night. Study the faces you see, and ask yourself this question, "How many of these people have been born again?" Brother, do this. See if your heart doesn't beat faster, and if you don't have a burning, compassionate desire to work more for God.

I believe the harvest is ripener now than it ever has been. If this be true, let's equip ourselves for the harvest, and get out and do more and greater work than we have ever done before. Praise the Lord, I feel the pull now.

During a revival a man became in-



terested in his neighbor's soul. Although they had lived beside each other for a number of years, he had never talked with him about his soul. But now he felt a special burden for this man, and every night he would go to the altar and pray, "O God, touch my neighbor with thy finger." One night while praying, the inner voice said, "You are God's finger."

I wonder many times if we, as ministers and members, don't spend too much time calling for God to do something that we could do ourselves. If we don't ever show an interest in our neighbors, I'm afraid even our special revival interest may go unheeded. Remember, we are our brother's keeper

"Well," you say, "I would like to work for God, be a blessing to my fellow man, and at the same time make my reward greater." If this is your case, here are some thoughts that may help you. First, get recognition from the employment office. You can't draw your pay until you get your name on the pay roll and become an employee. Neither can you work for God until you become recognized by God. This can only be done through the blood of Christ. Church membership won't do. You need your name recorded in the Lamb's book of life. Second, find your place. Many good and precious ministers, Sunday School superintendents, Sunday School teachers, choir directors, etc., have been wonderfully saved but go through life and never find their place.

Third, get in YOUR place. It doesn't matter what your qualifications are; you may be wonderfully saved, you may possess an unusual ability, you may find your place; but, Brother, you will never amount to anything for God or yourself until you get in YOUR place. Many valuable lives have been wasted and many churches ruined because many people after finding their place wouldn't get in it and stay in it.

Fourth, mind the boss. Brother Sister, if you have come to the place where you will no longer take instructions, you are too far advanced for God to use you.

It is true our talents differ, we cannot all do the same thing, but let us roll up our sleeves and decide we are going to do something.

Years ago my father owned a large team that he used in his sawmill business, and many times I have seen those horses lean against each other while pulling a heavy log through a deep ditch or some close place. Come on, Saints, let's pull together, let's stand together, let's live together, and let's all be WORKERS TOGETHER.

NAVY PRAYS

WASHINGTON — Navy men who command, line officers responsible for the lives and conduct of their men, often show a deep and abiding regard for the spiritual lives of their men. In the case of smaller vessels unable to carry chaplains, these officers frequently arrange for informal services, conduct burials at sea when a navy chaplain is not available, or cooperate with other officers or men aboard in providing divine services.

Vivid accounts of how two such officers regard the religious aspects of their command were reported recently from the battle zone.

One tells how Commander Harry D. Power, U. S. N., the day before American Marines landed on Guadalcanal, solved the problem of offering up the traditional prayer by the captain of a ship before his crew goes into battle.

As commanding officer of a large vessel, his responsibilities included delivery of supplies and ammunition to troops fighting their way up the island beaches. Fire from shore installations and aircraft would make it

impossible to assemble his men for prayers. In order that the prayers might not be omitted, Captain Power ordered multigraphed copies of "The Prayer To Be Said Before a Fight at Sea Against Any Enemy." In it he asked, "Tonight won't you join me in the following prayer for our success tomorrow? Make everything right in your heart, and you have nothing to be afraid of." The prayer follows:

"O most powerful and glorious Lord God, the Lord of hosts, that rulest and commandest all things; Thou sittest in the throne judging right, and therefore we make our address to Thy Divine Majesty in this our necessity, that Thou wouldst take the cause into Thine Own Hand, and judge between us and our enemies. Stir up Thy strength, O Lord, and come and help us; for Thou givest not always the battle to the strong, but canst save by many or by few. Oh, let not our sins now cry against us for vengeance; but hear us, Thy poor servants, begging mercy and imploring Thy help, and that Thou wouldst be a defense unto

us against the face of the enemy. Make it appear that Thou art our Savior and mighty Deliverer, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

Captain Power's ship went into battle next day, and though the convoy in which it served was attacked time and again, his vessel came through unscathed with not a man injured.

In another report from "somewhere at sea," Captain Ben K. Weatherwax, U. S. M. C., recently wrote: "When chaplains were assigned, our ship missed out, and for the weeks that we have been at sea, the men in this command have been without benefit of clergy . . . those who wished to observe Sundays had gathered on the after-deck to sing a few hymns and read a few verses of Scripture. And so it might have been on this Sunday, had things been on schedule." Then he told how the men stood their stations through a night when action was expected momentarily, ready for any eventuality—how an electric tension hung over the ship as it sped through the darkness.

Captain Weatherwax continued: "I (Continued on page 15)

EXPLAINS WHY THE BIBLE IS VERBALLY INSPIRED

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nized as the best text, since it is based on the best attested manuscripts, "it is the incarnation of God's truth, and reflects the divine-human person of Christ, to whom it bears witness as the Alpha and Omega, as the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

Before the printing press was invented, men were dependent on hand-made manuscripts. There are some 4,000 of these copies written from the fourth century, about 350 A.D., to the sixteenth century. Printing was invented by Gutenberg about 1450, but manuscripts were still depended on for 100 years afterwards.

The two oldest manuscripts of the New Testament are the Sinaitic and the Vatican. The Sinaitic manuscript was discovered in a convent on Mt. Sinai by Tischendorf, a Russian, in 1850. He bought it from the monks of St. Catherine on Mt. Sinai, and it stayed in the library of the Czar of Russia till it was sold by the Soviets to Great Britain in 1934 for \$510,000, where it now lies in the British museum. It contains a large portion of the Old Testament, and the entire New Testament.

The Vatican manuscript in the Vatican library contains nearly as much of the Bible as the Sinaitic, and some claim it is more accurate. It has the whole Bible as far as Heb. 9:14, while the Sinaitic has all the New Testament. The Vatican and the Sinaitic both date about 350 A.D.

Of course, there are many other manuscripts that are very old.

However, our point is that by comparing these 4,000 manuscripts with each other, we are able to approach the very words of God as revealed to the divine writers of the Old and New Testaments. There are about 200,000 variations, or different ways of saying the same thing, found in these manuscripts. Dr. Schaff divides these variations into three classes.

Some manuscripts omit lines and clauses. Some make additions, probably due to some comment of the copyist, or paraphrases and explanations. Some substitute one word for another that is similar. But by comparing with older manuscripts and by receiving the text of a majority, we arrive at the true words revealed by the Spirit to the holy men who wrote the Bible.

There are about 200,000 of these variations. Only a little over 400 of these variations affect the sense. Of these 400 only fifty are really important, and not one of these fifty variations affects any article of faith or precept of duty, which, as Dr. Schaff says, "is not abundantly sustained by other and undoubted passages, or by the whole tenor of scripture teaching." They teach precisely the same Christianity.

What we are attempting to say is that by textual criticism we may arrive approximately at the very Word of God, and may claim that as the Bible was revealed to these ancient men, they received the very words of God.

BIBLE GOD-BREATHED

The trend of Bible criticism today is away from radical higher criticism as too blatant and blasphemous, too irreverent and rationalistic. But while the swing is toward a supernatural revelation and a divine inspiration, yet with the difficulties of the canon, and the discrepancies of the text, together with the apparent conflict between the Bible and science, which is not a conflict at all, when properly explained, some modern teachers, unwilling to give up the Word of God, have tried to explain that the Bible contains the Word, not is the Word of God, and that we must depend on the Holy Spirit to reveal God's Word to us, since we cannot depend on the very words themselves. They say the Bible is the infallible rule of faith and practice, but it is not inerrant.

This writer claims that it not only is infallible, but also inerrant, if we admit the original documents were verbally inspired. This claim is not made for the versions and translations but the original Greek and Hebrew scriptures.

God inspired these men and revealed to them His thought and enabled them to write it down in words of which the Spirit approved, for thought can only be revealed by words. The writers say time and again, "The word of the Lord came to me," "Thus spake the Lord," "It was revealed unto me," and the apostles were guaranteed inspiration by Jesus Himself.

Paul tells us that Old Testament scriptures were God-breathed, and Peter says, Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. And the apostles claimed for themselves a like inspiration, and they had the right as Christ's appointees to reveal His will.

The church and her authority to call men to repentance depends on the Word of God as divinely inspired and without question. Let her ministers stand where the prophets and apostles stood, and let them say, The Word of the Lord says unto you. This Bible is that very Word. Hear it, and repent and believe the gospel and you shall be saved. Let our seminaries cease this doctrine that the Bible contains the Word of God, but is not necessarily the Word of God. To be sure, God's Spirit alone can work faith in the heart, but with the Sword of the Spirit, the hammer that breaks the rock in pieces, we have a more sure word of prophecy when we clasp the Bible and say, This is the very Word of God. The reason for the failure of evangelism is the skepticism wrought by the church in its neglect to stand on the Word of God.

REPORTS

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April 23 when Brother P. H. Walker and Brother J. L. Meares, state Sunday School and Y.P.E. superintendent, were with us, and \$231 in pledges and offerings was raised to be paid by June 1, and a love offering of \$45 was given the state overseer, who preached a very timely message.

We earnestly covet the prayers of God's people, this being a small work of fourteen members, that God will

give a great work here.—Miss Arneline N. Cousineau, pastor, Muskegon, Mich.

RAYVILLE, La.—We are glad to report that the Shady Grove church is on the upward climb, for which we praise God. We have a membership of eighty-three, including some real loyal members. The Lord is blessing both financially and spiritually. The L.W.W.B. is doing a good work. We have just raised money to repaint our church and paint our parsonage and the L.W.W.B. is donating about half. Our Y.P.E. and Sunday School are also working. We are holding the district banner at this time. Our pastor is standing by us and we are doing our best to stand by him. We love and appreciate him. God is blessing in many ways. Pray that we will continue in the good work and not come down.—E. L. Dooley, clerk

LADONIA, Tex.—We are happy to report that God is wonderfully blessing the work down here in good old Ladonia. We have a good band of saints here who believe in putting things over for the Lord. Every one is encouraged to see the work go over. We have as good an L.W.W.B. and Y.P.E. as I know of anywhere. We have bought a nice bedroom suit and rug for the parsonage and a piano for the church.

I also praise God for our pastor and his sweet wife. They have been such a blessing to this church. Pray for them and for me to be faithful in this life so I will have a home in glory.—Mrs. Paul Beavers.

BROXTON, Ga. — We thank the Lord for salvation. We ask all the saints to pray that the Lord will make a way for a larger church building. We have only a small room in which to have services. We need a revival here. We know we are serving a God who can make a way where we see no way. Please do not pass this up, but pray that God will undertake for us.—Mrs. O. R. Ricketson and Mrs. M. E. Minix.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. — We are glad to report victory. We recently opened a new work about seven miles from this local church and God is certainly blessing. We receive some of our most wonderful blessings there. We have just organized a Sunday School and it is steadily growing.

This year our work in Atlantic City has been mostly with the soldiers. It makes my heart rejoice to see the change on the soldiers' faces when they give their hearts to God. As this is an induction center, basic training center and overseas replacement training center, we contact boys from the entire United States. Please pray for us to be a blessing. — Alfred and Leona Nicholson, 507 Madison Ave.

JESUS CHRIST THE SAVIOR

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money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money, and without price," Isaiah 55:1.

"Thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

REVIVALS

COLLINSVILLE, Ill.—We have just closed a revival at the Church of God at Collinsville, Ill., with good results. A goodly number received salvation, and oh, how the Lord did bless our souls! Rev. Estel Moore, of East Alton, Ill., did the preaching the first two weeks and the Lord surely blessed him in his messages. Rev. Ernel Summers, pastor at East Alton, came over and continued the services. He surely preached the truth and the saints shouted as they never did before. Good crowds attended.

Our district Y.P.E. rally was at Collinsville during the revival and everyone who attended said it was the best service they were ever in. The Lord is blessing our work and we are over the top in everything. It has been the best year in Collinsville, for which we thank the Lord. — Pastor, Kenneth Moore, 107 School St., East Alton, Ill.

TRINITY, Tex.—In March we closed a good revival with seventeen saved, eleven sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, and four added to the church. Brother Pole and daughter, Sister Artie, did the preaching and God gave the increase, for which we thank Him so much.—W. W. Smethers, Box 732.

THE PURPOSE OF THE CROSS OF CHRIST

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Commit thy works unto the Lord and thy thoughts shall be established," Prov. 16:2,3. Receive His Word and receive Him as your Savior. "As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name," John 1:12. You must believe. Unbelief brings, firstly, unthankfulness; secondly, rebellious feelings; thirdly, refusal to accept God's plan. You must realize that as a sinner you are lost and undone. Call upon the name of the Lord for forgiveness and power. Do not put it off, for the Bible says, "Today is the day of salvation." You cannot save yourself, but Christ can save you. Reminded of that, turn to Him for it. Remember that you are at enmity with God, but when saved you become His friend. "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you," John 15:14. If you are in sin, don't consider yourself as a saint with a fault. Remember, He came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Only the blood of Calvary can take away your sins, and if He wash you not, you are unclean. Don't overlook the blood. Good works alone don't save, they are the result of salvation and the fruit of the Spirit. When God saves you, He gives you power. You are to use that power to become well grounded. He will also fill you with the Holy Ghost. "If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him; but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you," John 14:15-17. "Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the

Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with open face behold as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord," 2 Cor. 3:17,18. The Holy Spirit is a Teacher to teach you. John 14:26.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life," John 3:16. Sinner, God wants you and wants you now. He does not ask the best that is in you, but the worst that is in you, that He might cleanse you of it and fill you with His Spirit. Once you give your worst, then He will use your best.

"Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work, to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever." Amen.

KEEP LOOKING UP

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all that are ready and watching for His appearing. Luke 21:36 tells us to "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."

Oh! we see the signs of the budding of the fig tree, and it seems to us Holy-Ghost-filled people and any Bible reader that there aren't many more signs to be fulfilled until we see the Son of man coming in glory for all those who love His appearing and are found watching.

How sad our hearts are made when we see our own dear loved ones wandering out on the mountains of sin. So many prayers have been sent up in their behalf with no outward signs of their ever being saved. But we're looking up to Him to deliver them. Praise His dear name.

Dear ones, when Satan tempts you so much and you seem so discouraged, life hardly seems worth the struggle, look up! Jesus understands. Satan is more encouraged than ever when we get in that rut. He smiles knowingly, thinking he has us right where he wants us. He knows our weakest point and always attacks us through that point. Keep looking up for our redemption is near, even nearer than we realize. How sweet the thought to us. Though dark clouds gather and troubles and trials of every kind assail us, all we have to do is to trust Him and look up.

Let's be careful of our daily walk, of how we live before the world, that as in Romans 14:16, "Let not then your good be evil spoken of." The world is watching our daily walk, to see if we live as we should. So let's be careful, and take heed to ourselves, lest at any time our hearts be overcharged with selfeering and drunkenness and cares of this life, and so that day come upon us unawares. Luke 21:34. We need to watch, take heed, and pray continually for we do not know the day nor the hour in which He

cometh. Brethren, be not weary in well doing. Look up to God. Prayer changes things. Look up and put your trust in Him. Lay aside the cares of this world, and see yourself as in the mirror as God sees you. When we've laid aside all sinful things of this life and put our whole trust in Him, then we've done nothing compared to what He did for us.

Sinner friend, stop a minute and think how He bled and died on Calvary for you. Can't you look up and believe? One day you'll be glad you did, when you see Him coming in the clouds of great glory. Trust Him. Look up. Look up. Praise our dear Savior.

NAVY PRAYS

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was standing on the flying bridge when the east grew lighter than the west and turned a pale blue . . . the tired wind-blown lines of men that scattered the decks turned to the east with relief, hearts grown stronger with the daylight." In the early morning light of the day that the men hardly expected to see, a lanky Marine mounted a hatch cover, opened a pocket Bible and read a moving scriptural passage. Then he prayed, concluding with a sincere "We ask it in His name." From the throats of silent, reverent men came a barely audible "Amen."

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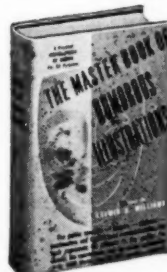
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